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Inaugural Thoughts, 1965

Lyndon B. Johnson, the Head of our State,  
Plans a Society vital and Great,  
Keen-eyed, looks forward, is never unnerved,  
Grateful, considers the years he has served.  
Looks to Isaiah in inclement weather,  
Says to his brother, "Let's reason together."

Broad is the view of our nation's top man,  
Great is his strength as he does all he can,  
Striking at ignorance, poverty, greed,  
Tearing down prejudice, misery, need.  
Out of his past he arrives at this day  
Ready to show all our country the way.

Father above, hear the boons that we ask:  
Give him support in his difficult task,  
Courage and wisdom and power to act,  
Vision to ~~separate~~ separate fancy from fact,  
Faith of a people in step with its fate,  
Making America good as she's great.

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